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SUBAECT: SECRETARY' S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT FOR 1972

1. SECRETARY' S REPORT WILL BE RELEASED TO PUBLIC APRIL 19. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS PROVIDE FULL TEXT OF SAN SALVADOR SECTION. SEPARATE TELEGRAMS WICL DEAL WITH REPORT AS A WHOLE AND WITH ASPECTS OF REPORT WHICH ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO LATIN AMERICA. FULL TEXT OF REPORT BEING POUCHED AND TEXT OF TRANSMITTAL LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO FONMIN BEING SENT SEPTEL.

QUOTE:

2. COLONEL ARTURO ARMANDO MOLINA WAS INAUGURATED FOR A FIVE- YEAR TERM AS PRESIDENT OF EL SALVADOR ON JULY 1, 1972. HE RECEIVED A PLURALITY OF THE VOTES IN NATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 1972. IN THE ABSENCE OF A MAJORITY, THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOLLOWED CONSTITUTIONAL PRECEPTS AND SELECTED THE NATION' S NEW LEADER FROM THE TWO CANDIDATES WITH THE HIGHEST POPULAR VOTE. MOLINA SUCCEEDS GENERAL FIDEL SANCHEZ HERNANDEZ, WHO WAS ELECTED IN 1967.

3. IN 1972 A. I. D. AUTHORIZED A \$4 MILLION LOAN FOR
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AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND EXTENSION. THESE FUNDS WILL BE USED BY THE SALVADORAN CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY TO HELP DEVELOP AN APPLIED RURAL RESEARCH CAPABILITY AND TO INTEGRATE EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

AND EXTENSION ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. END QUOTE
DECONTR, IS THAT NK' S WERE ON MISSION TO RECONNOITER AND OBSERVE WITHIN THE DMZ POSSIBLY OVER PERIOD OF 2/3 DAYS. HIS FURTHER ASSUMPTION ON BASIS HIS OBSERVATIONS IS THAT SUCH PATROLS TAKE PLACE FROM TIME TO TIME AND THING THAT DISTINGUISHES THIS FROM OTHERS SINCE LAST ARMED DMZ INCIDENT WITH NK' S ON OCT 25, 1971 IS THAT NK' S WERE INTERCEPTED THIS TIME. INCIDENT THUS DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE INVOLVED AN INFILTRATION ATTEMPT BEYOND DMZ.

3. UNC/ MAC IS PROPOSING MAC MEETING FOR APRIL 20 TO DISCUSS INCIDENT.

4. TEXT OF DEF MINISTRY PRESS RELEASE ISSUED AT 1000 HOURS APRIL 18 IS BEING SENT SEPTEL.
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